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SUBJECT: FRIDERICH'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR: CHANGE OF
BARDEPOT ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PROGRESS PAYMENTS

REF: (A) BONN 5709; (B) BONN 5269; (C) BONN 846;
(D) BONN A-46

1. FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH HAS WRITTEN THE AMBASSADOR
PROMISING THAT THE BARDEPOT ORDINANCE (REF D) WILL SHORTLY
(PROBABLY THIS MONTH) BE AMENDED TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION
FORM THE BARDEPOT FOR PROGRESS PAYMENTS ON GERMAN IMPORTS
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FINANCED OUTSIDE THE FRG.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE MAY 8 LETTER FROM MINISTER FRIDERICH'S TO AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND. QUOTE
DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:
DURING OUR CONVERSATION ON FEBRUARY 28, 1973, YOU HAD, INTER ALIA, RAISED THE QUESTION OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CASH DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT (BARDEPOT) FOR CREDITS TAKEN UP ABROAD BY GERMAN IMPORTERS FOR THE FINANCING OF PRODUCTION COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN DELIVERIES. I HAD, ON THAT OCCASION, POINTED OUT THAT PROMOTION OF AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IS IN HARMONY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S STABILITY EFFORTS, AND HAD FOR THIS REASON PROMISED YOU TO CONSIDER YOUR IDEAS FAVORABLY.
IN THE MEANTIME, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GERMAN BUNDESBANK, DECIDED TO EXTEND THE FOREIGN ECONOMY ORDINANCE BY A PROVISION WHICH SURELY WILL DO JUSTICE ALSO TO WHAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR MIND. THE SUPPLEMENT IS TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION OF TIED FINANCIAL CREDITS, TAKEN UP BY GERMAN IMPORTERS ABROAD, FROM THE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH CREDITS ARE COMMERCIALY CUSTOMARY AND ARE PAID OUT TO THE FOREIGN SUPPLIER ALREADY DURING THE PRODUCTION PERIOD. THE NEW PROVISION WILL PROBABLY TAKE EFFECT ALREADY IN THE COURSE OF THE MONTH OF MAY.
YOURS VERY TRULY, / S/ FRIDERICH'S
END QUOTE

3. PROPOSED CHANGE IN BARDEPOT ORDINANCE WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL.

4. COPY OF ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED TO KAMES LISTER, TREASURY. HILLENBRAND

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